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NOTES FROM THE MEDICAL PRESS

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A SUGGESTION IN HOSPITALS.—The *Journal of the American Medical Association* says that the first unit of a cottage hospital plant has just been completed for Roosevelt Hospital, Pasadena, California. The plan includes the development of a hospital with the addition of cottage units as needed, also of private cottages for patients who need special accommodations.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR ADAM POLITZER.—The celebrated Viennese aurist, the inventor of the Politzer bag, died a short time ago of apoplexy. He taught a large number of foreign students and his ear clinic was perhaps the most celebrated in the world.

ANCIENT SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.—A set of thirty-six Greco-Roman surgical instruments found at Kolophon, in Asia Minor, have been presented to the Archeological Museum of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

GASOLINE FOR REMOVING ADHESIVE PLASTER.—A correspondent of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* recommends the use of gasoline to remove adhesive plaster. A drop of gasoline from a medicine dropper inserted under a corner of the strip will loosen an inch or more and the process is repeated as long as is necessary. A small gauze sponge can be used if desired.

RECTAL EXAMINATION IN LABOR.—The *Illinois Medical Journal* has a plea for the substitution of rectal for vaginal examinations in labor. The danger of puerperal infection is stated to be in direct proportion to the number of vaginal examinations and the lack of an aseptic environment.

TREATMENT OF RINGWORM.—The *Lancet* reports the successful treatment of ringworm by washing the affected part very thoroughly with soap and water and then painting it with iodine. When perfectly dry the area painted is sprayed with a small quantity of ethyl chloride. The treatment is repeated twice a week.

PLATE FOR CLEFT PALATE.—The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports the satisfactory result obtained by an Italian physician with a rubber plate, made according to dentistry technic, in two cases of cleft palate. The child was able to nurse almost normally. A string attached to the plate was tied around the ear.